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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
FIRST-NAMED INVENTOR: Bader
FOR: Efficient Tests of Association for Quantitative Traits and Affected-Unaffected Studies Using Pooled DNA

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

1. This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b). This application is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 09/973,449, filed October 9, 2001, pending, which claims the benefit of U.S.S.N. 60/238,381, filed October 6, 2000, abandoned; each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

2. This application is a total of 22 pages. This application includes:

17 pages of Specification (not including claims, abstract, or figures).
4 pages of Claims
1 page of Abstract
2 pages of Informal Drawings (Figures 1-2b)

3. The present application contains no new matter.

4. Applicants have also filed a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time (along with the required fees) in the parent application USSN 09/973,449. These documents were due on or before March 30, 2004. Thus, the parent application is currently pending.

5. Copies of the combined Declaration/Power of Attorney (3 equivalents, 4 pages each, 12 pages total) (executed) are included herein.

6. A copy of an information disclosure statement and the accompanying modified PTO-1449 Forms filed February 11, 2002 for U.S.S.N. 09/973,449 (3 pages) are enclosed. Also enclosed are a supplemental information disclosure statement and the accompanying modified PTO-1449 Forms filed January 27, 2003 for U.S.S.N. 09/973,449 (3 pages). Copies of the references listed therein are not enclosed but will be provided upon request.

7. Preliminary Amendment (3 pages) is enclosed.

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8. Fees associated with this application are calculated using the claims that will be pending in the application.

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) \$770.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	23	- 20 =	3	\$18.00	\$54.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	2	- 3 =	0	\$86.00	\$0
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))	-0-			\$290.00	
				SUBTOTAL:	\$824.00
				LESS 50% FOR SMALL ENTITY:	\$412.00
				TOTAL FEE:	\$412.00

9. A check (#18375) in the amount of **\$412.00** is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 21402-139 CON (Cura-439CON).

10. A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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